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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT of Chad Harold Mace for LANCING DEVICE.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 13, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to have the invention of Group I examined (claims 1-25). This election is made without traverse.

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